National Highways so far. However fee on permanent bridges on National Highways is collected. An amount of Rs. 52.05 crores was collected during 1995-96. The amount standing to the credit of the fund is allocated by the Central Government for development of National Highways in the respective State. Fees thus collected, forms part of the Consolidated Fund of India.

(g) to (i) Yes Sir. Two nos. of bypasses and one Road Over Bridge (ROB) in the State of Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat have been awarded through Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) Scheme.

[Translation]

Primary Health Centres

231. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open atleast two to three Primary Health Centres in each development block keeping in view the geographical conditions of remote hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a proposal for providing x-ray/ pathology facility in these Primary Health Centres;

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Government at district level/development block level in this regard; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The Primary Health Centres are established and maintained by the State Governments under the Minimum Needs Programme. As per the approved norms, one Primary Health Centre is established for every 30,000 population in plain area and 20,000 population in hilly and tribal areas. However, the State Government has the flexibility to relax the norms for establishing Primary Health Centres as per their socio-economic and geographical conditions.

(b) to (d) As per the approved pattern, there is no provision for providing X-ray facility in the Primary Health Centres. One post of lab. technician is already provided in each Primary Health Centre for basic routine laboratory facilities.

New NHs in Bihar

232. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct new national highways and expand the existing ones in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) There is a proposal for declaration of a new National Highway in the State of Bihar which has not been acceded to due to resource constraint. However, during 1996-97 an amount of Rs. 15.00 crores has been provided for various developmental works on existing National Highways in the State of Bihar.

[English]

Cancer Detection Centre

233. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of patients affected by cancer in the country during the last three years till date;

(b) the number of people died of this disease during the last three years;

(c) the details of cancer detection and cure centres available in the country, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide grants to charitable institutions for cancer cure; and

(e) the total grants earmarked for cancer cure during the last three years and the manner in which it is distributed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per population based cancer registry the total number of patients affected by Cancer in the country during the last three years is as under :

1994	6.80 lakhs
1995	6.98 lakhs
1996	7.16 lakhs

(b) Based on the data collected by the Cancer Registry for the year 1991 it is estimated that the total number of people died due to this disease during last three years is enumerated below :

1994	3.35 lakhs
1995	3.40 lakhs
1996	3.46 lakhs

(c) The statewise Cancer Detection and Cure centres available in the country is given at Statement-I.

(d) Under National Cancer Control Programme financial assistance is given to charitable institutions for following activities :

(i) Augmentation of Regional Cancer Centres.

(ii) Setting up of Cobalt Therapy.

(iii) For early detection and awareness activities.